

²⁶27. (New) The crate of claim 20, wherein the corner projection member is offset inwardly from the corner band portion.

²⁷28. (New) A crate for bottles comprising:
a base having an upper surface; and
first and second pairs of opposed sidewalls connected to each other to form a unitary wall construction extending from the base, each of the side walls having an inner wall mounted to the base and an outer wall spaced from the inner wall and disposed above the base upper surface, the outer wall having a lower edge forming a nesting area therebelow for receiving the corresponding sidewalls when in a nesting orientation with a similar crate, the upper edge of adjacent sidewalls directed downwardly to form an upper edge of a corner band portion which is disposed below the plane of the upper edge of the sidewalls.

²⁸29. (New) A crate for bottles comprising:
a floor member having a plurality of bottle support areas; and
first and second pairs of opposed sidewalls integrally formed with the floor member, each sidewall including an outer surface defining a band member having an upper edge and a lower edge, the lower edge spaced above the floor member by a predetermined distance to define a sidewall nesting area therebelow, wherein each nesting area matingly receives a corresponding band member of a crate nested subjacent thereto, and each sidewall further including an inner surface having a plurality of elongate members extending inwardly therefrom between adjacent bottle support areas for connecting the inner surface to the floor member.